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### N.J. Stat. Ann. § 4:1-21.6

### N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 4:10-3; 4:10-6; 4:10-7; 4:10-8; 4:10-10

#### **§ 4:1-21.6. Cooperation with other agencies.**

The department may co-operate with the United States Department of Agriculture, with agricultural enforcement agencies of other States, with State and local government agencies in New Jersey, and with agricultural and marketing organizations of the State in carrying out programs for the improvement of agriculture in New Jersey; the control of live stock and plant diseases and pests; the use of official grades for farm products and the improvement of marketing of agricultural products, including live stock products.

#### **§ 4:10-3. Establishment of standards for grading and for receptacles.**

The department of agriculture may, from time to time, establish and promulgate standards that may be used by producers and distributors under the provisions of this chapter for the grading and other classification of farm products, and in co-operation with the department of weights and measures establish and promulgate standards for receptacles for farm products.

#### **§ 4:10-6. Inspection and classification of products according to standards; fees.**

The secretary may designate any competent employee or agent of the department to make, upon request, investigations, inspections and classifications of farm products in accordance with standards which have become effective under this chapter. When any such investigation, inspection or classification is made, the employee or agent shall issue a certificate of the grade or other classification of the farm product involved.

The secretary may fix, assess and collect, or cause to be collected, fees for such services, when they are performed by employees or agents of the department.

#### **§ 4:10-7. Appeals from classification of products; fees.**

Any interested party, within a reasonable time, to be prescribed in the regulations made under this chapter, may appeal to the secretary from the grading or classification of any farm product authorized under this chapter, and the secretary shall thereupon cause such investigation to be made, and such tests to be applied, as he may deem necessary to determine the true grade or classification thereof.



Whenever an appeal is taken to the secretary under this chapter, he shall charge and assess and collect, or cause to be collected, a reasonable fee, to be fixed by him, which shall be refunded if the appeal is sustained.

**§ 4:10-8. Certificate of classification as evidence.**

A certificate, when not superseded by a finding of the grade or other classification of any farm products, issued under this chapter, shall be accepted in any court of this state as prima facie evidence of the true grade or other classification of the farm product at the time of its classification.

**§ 4:10-10. Reports to department on products.**

A person in this state engaged in marketing farm products shall prepare and submit to the department, upon request, at such regular intervals and in such form as may be prescribed, reports of the quantity and conditions of any farm product held by, or for, such person in commercial or other storage in this state.

A person in this state shall furnish the department, upon request, on such date, and in such form as may be prescribed, special reports, orally or in writing, concerning the demand for, and the supply, consumption, cost, value, price and condition and period of the holding of any farm product, which is, or has been held by, or for, such person in storage or otherwise.

The secretary may verify the accuracy of the reports provided for in this section. When making public any information received in the reports provided for in this section, the secretary and the employees or agents of the department, shall not divulge the name of the person owning or reporting upon a farm product without the consent of such person, or except pursuant to legal processes.

